

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR LINKING A WEB SERVER IN A PERIPHERAL TO A NETWORK THROUGH A HOST

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system and method are provided in a host and in a peripheral for providing network access to a web server in the peripheral device, where the peripheral device is locally coupled to the host. The web server in the peripheral includes web pages that provide access to the control functions of the peripheral. Users may access the control functions of the peripheral through the use of a browser, thereby avoiding the need for special control access software. In one embodiment, the system includes a processor coupled to a local interface and a memory coupled to the local interface. The system also includes listener logic stored on the memory and executable by the processor. The listener logic comprises logic to identify a request from a client received by the host via a network to be forwarded to the web server located on the peripheral device locally coupled to the host, logic to forward the request to the web server on the peripheral device, and logic to transmit a response received from the web server to the client.